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MEMORANDUM FOR: All Morning Meeting Participants

FROM: George L. Cary
Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT: Report to the Senate on the Work of the SSCI
By Senator Daniel K. Inouye (D., Hawaii),
Chairman, SSCI

Attached is a report to the Senate from Senator Daniel K. Inouye on the work of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. It is not nearly as detailed as the Committee's first Annual Report, published in May 1977, but does make some interesting points. Some of the major points are:

- a. Intelligence Community abuses in the past were the result of the direction above, often with the knowledge of oversight committee Members;
- b. The nation owes a great deal to the Intelligence Community;
- c. With the support of the President and under the firm direction of Admiral Turner, the Community is now on track again after several years of turmoil;
- d. Intelligence is essential to the nation's security;
- e. Senator Inouye has had a rule that all information conveyed to him will be shared with every Member of the Committee.
- f. The provisions in S. Res. 400 (the Committee's charter) for handling and disclosure of classified information are sound, have worked well, and should be extended to all classified information provided to the Senate;

g. Development of the new Executive Order on intelligence has been a unique joint effort between the Intelligence Community and the Committee. However, the most important work of the Committee lies ahead in the development of statutory charters;

h. No intelligence agency should be involved with working journalists, because the problem of playback into the United States outweighs possible gains;

i. The statutory charters under development will contain provisions to enable courts to handle classified information. The aim of the Committee is to eliminate the "national security loophole";

j. The greatest need within the Intelligence Community is for more cogent analysis;

k. Senator Inouye is resigning as Chairman and will be succeeded by Senator Birch Bayh (D., Ind.). Senator Inouye will recommend an amendment to S. Res. 400 limiting the Chairmanship to a two year term.

l. The President, in August of this year, lauded the Committee for security stating the Committee had a better security record than any other organization in the United States Government.

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George L. Cary

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